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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1-2 replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1-2. Figure 1 has been relabeled Fig. 1a, since a Fig. 1b is added by this amendment. In Figure 1a, previously omitted element 3 has been added. The attached new sheet of drawings is added as Fig. 1b sheet 2 of 3.

The third attached sheet of drawings changes the sheet containing Fig.'s 3-5, formerly sheet 2 of 2, to sheet 3 of 3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (Fig. 1a, Fig. 2)
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes (Fig. 1a, Fig. 2)
New Sheet (Fig. 1b)
Replacement Sheet (Fig.'s 3-5)
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 remain in this application.

In the Office action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-9 would be allowable if amended to overcome their rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants gratefully acknowledge this indication of allowable subject matter and have amended Claims 1-9 accordingly.

In the Office action the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR §1.84(p)(5) because they do not include a reference sign "3" mentioned in the description. In amended Fig. 1a the previously omitted numeral 3 has been added.

The drawings were subject to further objections under 37 CFR §1.83(a). One objection to the drawings was as failing to show the pinstripes and two portions as described in the specification. The other objection was as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims in that first and second illumination regions

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directly above and below the cut-off, pin stripes and partial coating in a striped pattern, were not shown.

In response to the Examiner's recommendation, Applicants have added a new Fig. 1b illustrating in cross section a front view, as described in the specification at, inter alia, page 6, lines 21-32, of the xenon lamp of Fig. 1a, including two pinstripes 5 and two striped portions 21. The specification has been amended at page 7, lines 11-16 to describe the structure set forth in Fig. 1b as disclosed in the specification as filed.

Applicants note that the first and second illumination regions directly above and below the cut-off are the regions G and H in Fig. 1a, as set forth in the specification at, for example, page 3, lines 15-20 and page 6, lines 23-26.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

Claim 5 was objected to because of informality in that a reference to pin stripes is without antecedent basis. Applicants believe this reference to Claim 5 in the Office action is a typographical error and that this objection was intended to apply to Claim 6, as there is no reference to "pinstripe(s)" in Claim 5. Applicants have responded to

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this objection as applicable to Claim 6. Claim 6 has been amended accordingly. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

In the Office action, the Examiner also required a substitute specification in proper idiomatic English and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.53(a) and (b). Accordingly, a responsive Substitute Specification in more appropriate U.S. form is submitted herewith. Conventional U.S. disclaimers have been added at page 8, lines 29-32 and page 9, lines 1-14.

The specification was also objected to in that there are no section headings. Applicants respectfully decline to provide such headings, as they are not required. Please see MPEP §608.01(a).

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as their invention. Claims 1-9 have been amended in a manner which is believed to overcome the rejection. Claim 10 has been added to further clarify

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applicants' invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

New Claims 11-25 are added to clarify particular aspects of applicants' invention. New Claims 11-25 include the patentable features of allowable Claims 1-9.

In addition, in order to put those claims in better form, Claims 1-9 have been amended by removing the reference numerals, and Claims 1-7 have been amended by changing "characterized in that" to "wherein".

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and that Claims 1-25 are patentable. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

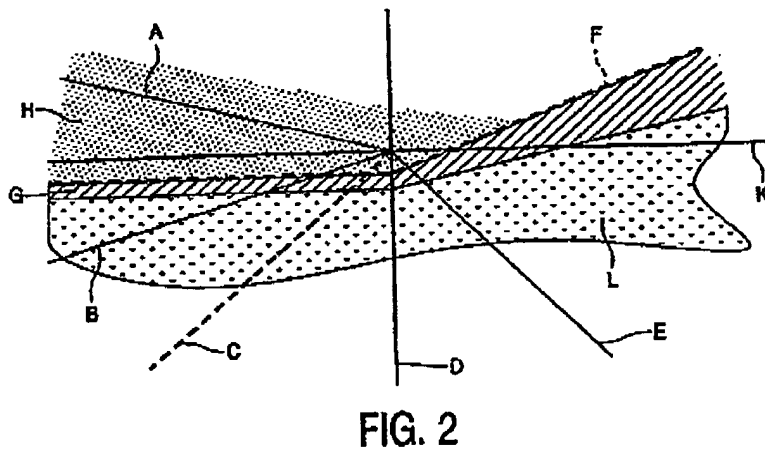
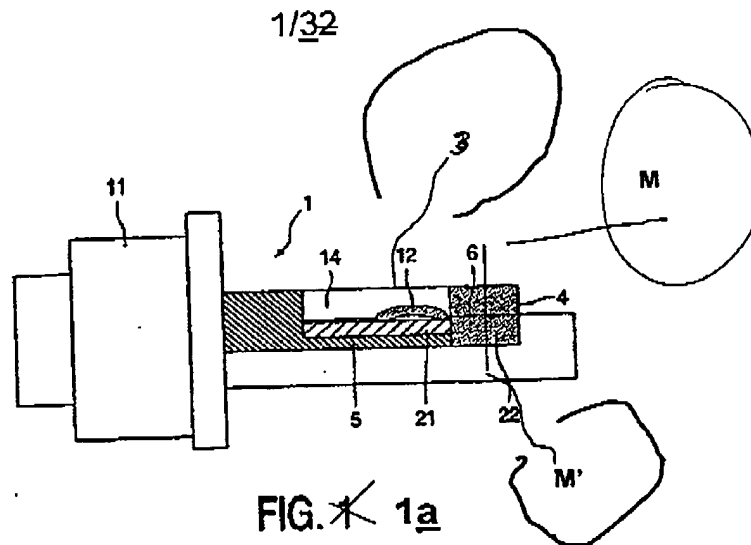
If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

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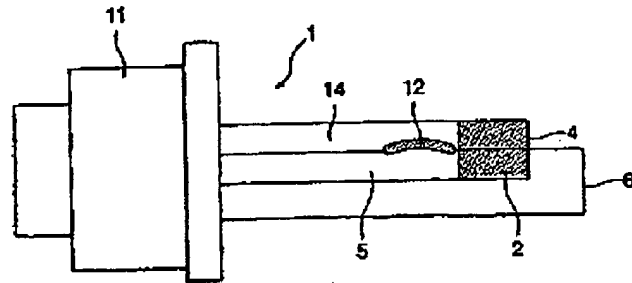


FIG. 3

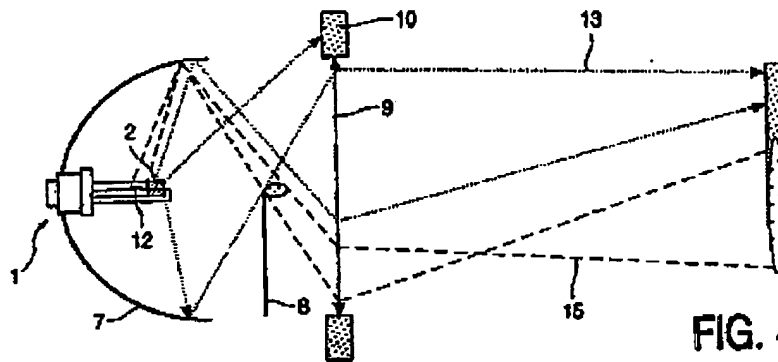


FIG. 4

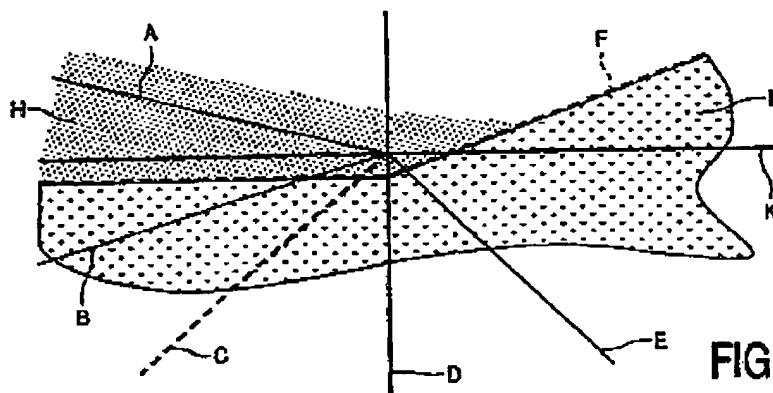


FIG. 5